

## Spring Message from the CHCA

The CHCA has been busy these last few months and now that Spring is finally here, we're about to get even busier!

The CHCA has had one of its busiest and most successful years. In addition to our annual Spring Clean Up, Yard Sale and Fall Fun Fest, we hosted our first-ever holiday drop-in this past December, thanks to the generosity of the Clair Hills Retirement Community and some local volunteers (check out the picture on Page 3). We also hosted our first-ever Clair Hills skating event, which was a huge success (read Page 2 for more details). Now with the snow finally retreating, we're getting ready for this year's Spring Clean Up. To learn more about our upcoming events, read the article on Page 2.

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The CHCA has also been helping the City of Waterloo share its plans for St. Moritz Park. If you haven't heard, a multi-purpose surface—that will include ice hockey in the winter and tennis in the summer months—is going to be built this summer. This amenity is a wonderful addition to the St. Moritz park area and sure to offer great opportunities for residents to get active and connect with neighbours.

We're also getting ready to launch our new website which has been redesigned thanks to our new Web Administrator, Joe Radman. Our new look will be ready at

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## Join our email list and win \$100 lawn care service

All residents of Clair Hills who join our mailing list will be entered into a draw to win a **\$100 lawn care or landscape service courtesy Tri-Green**. This contest closes May 31, 2014 is also open to residents who already subscribe!

You can sign-up a number of different ways:

1. Scan this QR Code
2. Follow us on [Twitter](#) and ask to join—we'll send you the link
3. Visit our [website](#) and click on the link on the left-hand side



The annual Spring Clean Up is May 10. Help keep Clair Hills beautiful. Learn more on Page 2.

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## We're very Social

- Connect with us on Twitter, Facebook and BBM Channels





Residents of Clair Hills enjoyed a free skate on March 28, 2014.

## We're hiring

### Multiple volunteer roles available with the CHCA

**Fall Fun Fest Volunteers:** Duties include event set-up and/or tear down, and/or support during the event itself which includes a variety of tasks such as managing games for children, helping prepare food, taking photographs, and other tasks as required.

**Communications Coordinator:** Duties include writing and editing content for our newsletters and website, and supporting the Communications Director and Social Media Director.

**Communications Director:** We need a volunteer who can help provide leadership and strategic direction for our communication activities. This position requires a regular time commitment each month and attendance at board meetings and events.

Please email [volunteer@clair-hills.ca](mailto:volunteer@clair-hills.ca) if you are interested in volunteering.

## Clair Hills on Ice: Skating Success

On March 28, the CHCA hosted its first-ever ice skating event. In partnership with the City of Waterloo, the CHCA provided residents with an hour of free ice skating time at Albert McCormick Community Centre.

The event was a huge success with over 80 attendees and more than 20 families. Those in attendance could be seen having a great time skating leisurely on the ice, catching up with friends and neighbours, and of course teaching little ones how to skate.

The CHCA would like to thank its Events Coordinator, Jamie Harland, for booking the ice time and organizing the event. A special thank you to our volunteers and board members who attended.

## Upcoming CHCA Events

### Keep Clair Hills beautiful at this year's Spring Clean Up Saturday May 10

This year's Spring Clean Up will take place on **Saturday, May 10 at 10am and 2pm**. As always, we'll be providing garbage bags and gloves, plus some light refreshments.

Join us in the morning and/or afternoon to clean up the neighbourhood and keep Clair Hills beautiful.

### Our Yard Sale includes an Ice Cream Party this year—Save the date!

Clair Hills Community Yard Sale is **Saturday, June 7 8:00am to 12:00pm**. Sign up on [www.clair-hills.ca](http://www.clair-hills.ca) to participate in this year's Clair Hills Yard Sale. We will create an online map of sellers so treasure hunters will know which homes in Clair Hills are participating. Donation drop off and ice cream party to follow ... more details coming soon.

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## MEET THE CHCA

The Clair Hills Community Association is comprised of a Board of Directors and local volunteers. This group of dedicated residents meet regularly to coordinate events and share important information with the community.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**President:**  
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**Treasurer:**  
Jeff Dooley

**Communications:**  
Caitlin Smith

**Social Media:**  
Craig Smith

**Business Affairs:**  
Scott Dougall

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Jerry Walker

### VOLUNTEERS:

**Events Coordinator:**  
Jamie Harland

**Advertising Coordinator:**  
Teresa Martin

**Parents Group Coordinator:**  
Diana Clipsham

**Administrative Coordinator:**  
Lisa Stuart

**Web Administrator:**  
Joe Radman

**General Volunteers:**  
Kevin Paulson, Shelly Reed,  
Thomas Bryll

The association would like to extend a very BIG thank you to all its volunteers for their time and commitment.

If you would like to volunteer or attend our meetings, please email:  
[volunteer@clair-hills.ca](mailto:volunteer@clair-hills.ca)



CHCA Volunteers celebrated the season this past December at our first-ever Holiday Drop-in. Back row from left to right: Diana Clipsham, Caitlin Smith, Craig Smith, Jeff Dooley and Scott Dougall. Middle: Teresa Martin and Santa. Front: Lisa Stuart.

## Join Our Volunteer Community

Clair Hills Community Association is a very dedicated and fun group of residents who care about each other and the neighbourhood they live in.

### Why should I volunteer with the CHCA?

Volunteering is one of the easiest ways to give back to your community and it's a great way to meet your neighbours. Our volunteers have all become friends and you'll find them meeting each other for coffee, hosting UFC parties in their living rooms, and organizing play dates. Volunteering is also a great way to build your resume, gain practical experience, and network. Our volunteers receive a special nametag, a volunteer t-shirt and special recognition throughout the year including a volunteer appreciation dinner.

### How much time does it take?

One to five hours a month. Sometimes it's less and sometimes it's a little more. We meet every month and hold an Annual General Meeting every May.



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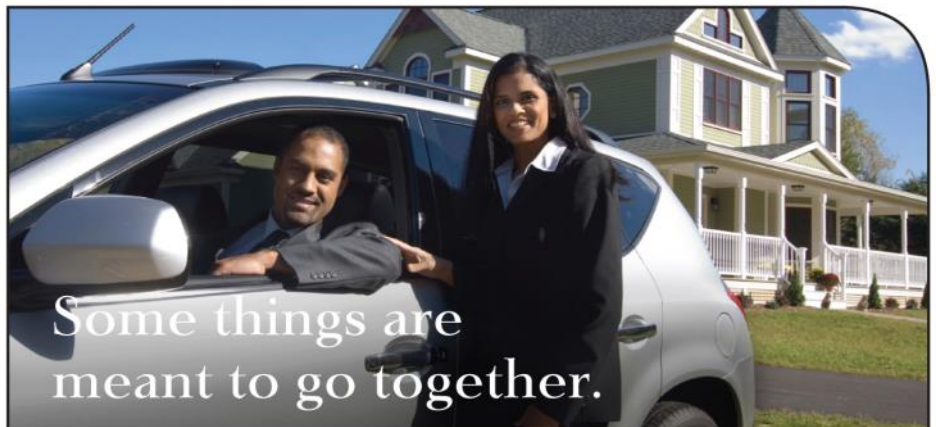
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# Parents of Clair Hills

- Do you have little ones aged 0-6 years?
- Are you interested in meeting other parents in your neighbourhood?
- Do you want your kids to make new friends?
- Are you looking to get out with other parents for some adult conversation?
- Do you want to learn more about kid friendly events in your community?

## Join the Parents of Clair Hills

We are parents with kids ages 0-6 years looking to meet other parents and kids in our neighbourhood, plan play dates, share advice and learn about family-friendly events in the community.

If interested, please email [parents@clair-hills.ca](mailto:parents@clair-hills.ca) to be added to the distribution list and learn about upcoming events!

## Coffee in the Park is Back!

For those parents with little ones wanting to get out to meet your neighbours and their children, please join us at our first 2014 Coffee in the Park playdate in May (date and location TBD). If you haven't already joined the Parents of Clair Hills, be sure to get email [parents@clair-hills.ca](mailto:parents@clair-hills.ca) to get added to the distribution list for updates and news. Hope to see you soon!



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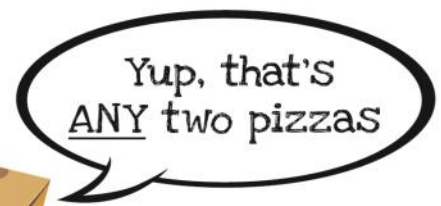
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## Car break-ins: How to prevent

Forgetting to lock your car happens to all of us. And it's Murphy's Law that says the one time you forget is the same time you'll find someone has broken into your vehicle. To protect your valuables and deter future break-ins:

1. Remove all valuables from your car or tuck them out of view.
2. Make locking your car(s) a part of your night-time routine.
3. Always report break-ins to the police using their easy online form:

<http://www.wrps.on.ca/online-reporting>

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our Annual General Meeting on May 13. Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend our AGM, just RSVP by emailing [meeting@clair-hills.ca](mailto:meeting@clair-hills.ca).

We've also redesigned the Clair Hills Connection to make it a little more modern and match the feel of our website. If that wasn't enough, we went all out and included a fridge magnet for you. Our magnet should remind you that there are many ways you can connect with us including our website, email, Twitter, Facebook and our BBM Channel. Join our email distribution list to make sure you always receive our monthly newsletter which contains important event and community news.

If you have suggestions for how we can improve the ways we connect with you email [connect@clair-hills.ca](mailto:connect@clair-hills.ca) or send us your feedback on our many social media channels.

We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Clean Up! - CHCA BOD and Volunteers

## WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

My office can help with:

- Recognition for Special Occasions
- Education Issues
- OSAP and Funding Issues
- Landlord and Tenant Board
- Workplace Safety and Insurance Board
- Supportive Housing
- Preparation of Petitions for the Ontario Legislature

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# What's happening with real estate in Clair Hills

## Real estate agent Suzanne Denomme explains the housing market in Clair Hills and Kitchener-Waterloo

As a resident of Clair Hills and a real estate agent, I often hear neighbours wondering, "How are property values doing in Clair Hills? Is our housing market strong?"

With information gathered by the Kitchener-Waterloo Association of Realtors (KWAR) MLS data, I'll share some info to help answer these questions.

### How many houses are selling in our area? How does the real estate market compare with the rest of K-W?

For March 2014, there were 20 houses sold in our area (which includes Clair Hills, Columbia Forest, the area around SJAM, and some houses from Vista Hills). This number is down just slightly from 21 houses sold in March 2013, but double the 10 sold this February. By contrast, while our area sales remained

steady year over year for March, home sales for K-W as a whole were down 12% comparing March 2014 with March 2013. We are doing well compared with some other areas in the region.

The average sale price of homes in our area this March was approximately \$414,000, compared with \$338,000 in February this year. It's important to keep in mind that when isolated to smaller areas, this number is easily skewed by a small number of higher-end sales at any particular time. The average sale price of all homes in the K-W area for March 2014 was approx. \$323,000 – a negligible (0.1%) increase over last year. On a year-to-date basis, the KWAR reported an average price of \$327,854 for all of K-W, a 1.6% increase over 2013.

### How long might it take to sell my house?

The average number of "days on market" for our area this March was 44 compared to 25 in March 2013. The cold weather, while great for my backyard rink, is likely one factor in this increase. As well, the data includes some new houses yet to be built in Vista Hills. Our 44 average days on market is just 2 days more than the greater K-W area for March.

### What do potential buyers think about Clair Hills?

I love touring potential buyers through Clair Hills because it's such a warm and wonderful community. People enjoy the kilometres of lovely trails, the schools, the amazing amenities, the sizeable lots and MUCH more!

*Suzanne Denomme is a full time real estate sales representative, Platinum Club, and Hall of Fame Member with Re/Max Twin City Realty Inc. in Waterloo, and may be reached at 519 574 2996 if you'd like further information.*



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